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F R O M: Mary Margaret Shanahan

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SUBJECT: Visit with Mrs. .

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On Thursday, July 5th, Professor Robley D. Evans and I visited

sister of

see memo to file dated May 12,
1973. The purpose of our trip was to obtain permission for the exhumation of remains.

Following a very friendly and relaxed conversation with Mr. and Mrs.

and an explanation of our research work, Mrs. readily signed the permission forms.

In talking about indicated that at the age of 9 had had a severe fall, landing on her head and also scraping her knee. The family was concerned only about the knee which was bleeding profusely, and got no medical attention for head. As grew older, it became clear that she had a serious medical problem which thought stemmed from the fall. was seen by many doctors, always being hospitalized at Strong Memorial in Rochester. Each doctor (or team of doctors) had a new suggestion for alleviating her problem, but none was successful. As a teenager, legs remained extremely thin and "underdeveloped", while her trunk took on the shape of a barrel.

The turned out to be rather interesting characters. They live in a nouse on the edge of with a beautiful view of the Catalina mountain range. The house is in only a fair state of repair, the furniture is in various stages of rejuvenation, and the whole atmosphere is one of extreme casualness. Mrs.

had just returned from a trip to Afghanistan where she went to see about the weaving done by the tribes in northern Afghanistan. Her main interest is in the most primitive type of weaving and she mentioned that the work which she saw being done in Brazil and Argentina several years ago was too advanced to be of interest to her. She weaves cloth for various shops in and starting by spinning the wool. In one instance, a physician from who had heard about her work arrived at her home one day with a trash barrel filled with clippings from his Pyrenees dogs. Mrs. proceeded to spin and weave the clippings, making a cape for his wife and another garment for his aunt.

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